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## OUTSTANDING SERVICE HONORED AT ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Governor Ernie Fletcher and the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS) in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services today announced the winners of the 2005 Governor's Volunteer Awards. An awards presentation ceremony was held at the state Capitol in Frankfort.

A panel of judges with volunteer and community service backgrounds chose 18 winners in 10 categories.

Governor Fletcher said Kentuckians volunteer at a rate that exceeds the national average. "The spirit of volunteerism and community service is almost a genetic trait for most Kentuckians," said Governor Fletcher. "That spirit of service established, built and sustains Kentucky. It always has and always will play a big role in this state's growth and success."

The Governor's Office launched the awards program in 1975. Since 1995, KCCVS has administered the program.

Jane Stephenson of Lexington and Robert A. Reid of Simpsonville received Lifetime Achievement Awards, and YUM! Brands of Louisville was honored for its support of volunteer programs.

Eileen Cackowski, KCCVS director, said the awards program will include a new category next year to recognize volunteerism among the faith-based community.

"Every day, churches, temples, mosques and other religious congregations are giving the gifts of personal time, talent and resources to meet needs all across Kentucky," Cackowski said. "The Volunteering Through Faith Communities award category will shine much deserved light on this important segment of the service population."

## 2005 GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

Lifetime Achievement Award - Robert A Reid Simpsonville/Shelby County Nominated by Edwin O. Walker

Lifetime Achievement Award - Jane Stephenson Lexington/Fayette County Nominated by Shirley Thompson

Impact Youth Award - Colby Khoshreza Pikeville/Pike County Nominated by Rosalind Stanley

Impact Adult Award - Sandra Myers Cadiz/Trigg County Nominated by Tim McGinnis

Innovation Youth Award - Jon Preneta Nicholasville/Jessamine County Nominated by Jessica Melton

Innovation Adult Award - Linda Dalton Ashland/Boyd County Nominated by Pamela Huwieler

Citizen's Corps Individual Award - Barb Cook Covington/Kenton County Nominated by Butch Callery

Citizens' Corps Group Award - Dwayne Hite, Michael Jones and Joe Clary Philpot/Daviess County Nominated by Vickie Connor

Volunteer Support Award - Yum! Brands Louisville/Jefferson County Nominated by Patricia Kenkel

National Service Individual Award - Billy Corder Stearns/McCreary County Nominated by Donna Thrush

National Service Group Award - Volunteers of the Pennyrile Allied Community Services-Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenberg and Trigg Counties Nominated by Patricia Evans

Non-Profit Group Award - Habitat for Humanity of Madison County Richmond/Madison County Nominated by Guy Patrick Special Category: Individual Award - Marilu Goodsell Owensboro/Daviess County Nominated by Sondra Mattingly

Special Category: Group Award - Oakland Mt. Zion Baptist Church Oakland/Warren County Nominated by Joyce Scheidt

Director of Volunteer Service Award - James Herman Garrett Louisville/Jefferson County Nominated by Marilyn Markwell

Challenge Adult Award: George Moorman Lexington/Fayette County Nominated by Lynda Brown Wright

Challenge Adult Award - Mary Smiley Banks Henderson/Henderson County Nominated by Cathy Campbell

Challenge Youth Award - Jamie Douglas Williamsburg/Whitley County Nominated by Vestena Robbins

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